

9055.0020 STATE SOLDIERS ASSISTANCE FUND.

Subpart 1. **Use of fund.** The commissioner shall administer the state soldiers assistance fund to financially assist veterans who reside in Minnesota and their dependents. The assistance may be in the form of temporary emergency assistance, payments for the costs of emergency medical treatments and services, and maintenance of the veteran's dependents during the time the veteran is disabled and without adequate means of supporting the veteran or the veteran's dependents.

Subp. 2. **Financial need.** Veteran applicants and their dependents shall demonstrate financial need for the assistance available under the state soldiers assistance fund. Need must be determined based on the schedule of allowances and the financial assets and income of the applicant, as stated on the application for assistance.

Subp. 3. **Medical need.** An applicant shall demonstrate medical disability severe enough to preclude the applicant from pursuing a normal occupation. The medical disability must be of at least 30 days' duration and must be verified by the applicant's physician. Continued medical disability must be demonstrated for continued financial assistance beyond the initial eligibility period.

Subp. 4. **Veteran status required.** An applicant must be a veteran as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 197.447, or the surviving spouse or dependent of a veteran.

Subp. 5. **Residency required.** An applicant for assistance must reside in Minnesota at the time of application.

Subp. 6. **Assistance not to be used to supplement.** Benefits available to individuals under the state soldiers assistance fund must not be used to supplement or to add to assistance available to or received by the applicant from the general assistance or Minnesota family investment programs.

Subp. 7. **Inpatient chemical dependency treatment; eligibility.** Applicants admitted to an approved inpatient chemical dependency treatment program may be eligible to receive temporary financial assistance in the form of shelter and utility payments, if they qualify for financial assistance under department income and asset limitations, as specified in the schedule of allowances, while the applicant is in an approved inpatient chemical dependency treatment program. Applications made while the applicant is in an approved inpatient chemical treatment program must be made effective the date of admission.

Upon successful completion of an approved inpatient chemical dependency treatment program, applicants may be eligible to receive financial assistance for one 30-day assistance period. For continued assistance beyond 30 days, applicants must meet the eligibility criteria in subparts 1 to 6. Applications submitted under this part more than 30 days after completion of an approved inpatient chemical dependency treatment program

must include a written justification for the delay. Successful completion of a prescribed treatment program must be verified in writing by the treatment facility.

Subp. 8. **Assistance to widows, widowers.** Widows and widowers of veterans may apply for assistance without proof of disability any time within 12 months of the date of the death of the veteran.

Widows or widowers who apply for assistance more than 12 months after the death of the veteran must provide medical evidence of a disability severe enough to preclude their following their normal occupation for at least 30 days.

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